

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. P. T. M. will be de-
parted for the above Ports
on WEDNESDAY, the 4th Inst., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & Co.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j74

FOR SINGAPORE.
The British Steamship
"GOLDEN HORN,"
Capt. GEORGE ALTON, will
be despatched for the above
Port on WEDNESDAY Next, the 4th Inst.,
at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON,
Praya West.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j74

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"TANAI,"
Comd. DE LA MARCELLE, will
be despatched for YOKO-
HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next
French Mail.
H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"FEI HO,"
Comd. LEONETTI, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.
H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"CATHAY," Captain DUNN, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 14th July, at
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j74

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE AMERICAN SHIP LEADING
WIND, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.
MEYER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j79

S. S. GLENFALLOCH,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamship having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
at their risk and stored by the Under-
signed in their Godown, whence and/or from the
Wharf or Godown delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to
Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is
given before 3 p.m. To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the
8th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j79

NOTICE.
BY Mutual Consent, the Firm of
F. FREERKS, RODATZ & Co. has been
DISSOLVED on this Day.
R. FREERKS,
G. C. F. RODATZ,
Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

THE Undersigned, Establishing them-
selves this Day as SHIPOHAND-
LERS and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS
under the style and Firm of RODATZ & Co.,
have taken over the Business of the late
Firm of FREERKS, RODATZ & Co.
G. C. F. RODATZ,
O. KOCH.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. au2

**HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-
PANY, LIMITED.**

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to the
28th Instant, both days inclusive.
A. NEWTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j720

SEALED TENDERS will be Received
by the Undersigned until Noon on
SATURDAY, the 14th Instant, for Building
A FIRE ENGINE HOUSE, at H. M.
NAVAL YARD.
Plan and Specification may be seen and
further information obtained on Appli-
cation.
JOHN BRENNER,
Naval Storekeeper.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. j74

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

MRS. G. B. FALCONER, Widow and
Administratrix of the late G. B.
FALCONER (sole and only Partner of the
Firm of GEORGE FALCONER & Co., Watch
Manufacturers, Jewellers, &c., &c., Hong-
kong), and Mr. MATTHEW FALCONER,
Brother of the Deceased, beg respectfully
to intimate that they have agreed to CON-
TINUE the BUSINESS so long carried on
by the late Mr. FALCONER.

In making this announcement, they have
pleasure in stating that they have made
such arrangements that the efficiency and
high reputation formerly enjoyed by the
Firm, will be maintained in its entirety in
all its branches.

The Stock, as hitherto, will consist of
EVERY ARTICLE of the BEST QUALITY and
WORKMANSHIP, and they hope to be favour-
ed with a continuance of that patronage
which was so liberally extended to the late
Mr. FALCONER, and, in soliciting such, no
effort will be wanting to inspire that confi-
dence on the part of their Customers
which was so marked a feature in the
Business as formerly conducted.

The Business will be carried on in the old
Premises under the same Name and Style
as hitherto, viz.,
GEORGE FALCONER & Co.
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. au2

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.
C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R.
Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
HIBERNIA, British brig, Capt. T. A.
Koch.—Landesteln & Co.
ECHO, British barque, Captain Tozer.—
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
ROSE HENDERSON, British barque, Capt.
John J. Gunn.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
BROWN BROTHERS, American ship, Capt.
D. S. Goodell.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
MATCHLESS, American ship, Capt. John
C. Dawes.—Douglas LaPrall & Co.
VISCOUNT MADUFF, British 3-m. schooner,
Capt. Wm. Wright.—Borneo Co., Limited.
CORINNE, British barque, Captain Wm.
Robertson.—Wielers & Co.
JOTUN, Norwegian ship, Capt. P. Hauf.
—Melchers & Co.
LEADING WIND, American ship, Captain
F. M. Hinckley.—Meyer & Co.
CHARLOTTE ANDREWS, British barque,
Captain George Place.—Rosario & Co.
LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain
H. Schierloch.—H. Schierloch & Co.
JALO, Russian ship, Capt. C. F. Moberg.
—Order.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
June 30, Golden Spar, British ship, 656,
S. E. Farrell, Cardiff March 16, Coal.—
MEYER & Co.
June 30, Leading Wind, American ship,
1203, F. M. Hinckley, Antwerp March 8,
General.—MEYER & Co.
July 1, Jotun, Norwegian ship, 853, P.
Hauf, New York Feb. 13, Petroleum.—
MEYER & Co.
July 1, Penrhin, British barque, 521,
Rimington, London Feb. 29, and Plymouth
March 4, General.—MEYER & Co.
July 1, Charlotte Andrews, British barque,
356, Geo. Place, Quin Hon, June 18,
General.—ROZARIO & Co.
July 1, Lord Macaulay, British barque,
847, Robert Monkman, Cardiff March 8,
Coal.—CAPTAIN.
July 1, Fred. P. Litchfield, American
barque, 1080, L. Spalding, Cardiff Feb. 23,
Coal.—ORDER.
July 1, Morro Castle, American barque,
404, Geo. W. Jewett, Bangkok June 18,
Rice.—CAPTAIN.
July 1, Louisa, German three-masted
schooner, 245, H. Schierloch, Haplong
June 14, General.—EDWARD SCHIERLOCH &
Co.
July 1, Macgregor, British steamer 1409,
F. Newell, Saigon June 27, General.—
GILMAN & Co.
July 1, Gramere, British barque, 698,
W. Hastings, Cardiff Feb. 18, Coal.—
BORNEO CO., LIMITED.
July 1, Feith, German barque, 250, C.
Christiansen, Newchwang June 5, Beans.
—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
July 1, Carl, German brig, 215, H.
Thomson, Newchwang June 6, Beans.
—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
July 1, Crested Wave, British barque,
845, Moncup, Newcastle (N.S.W.), May 7,
Coal.—ORDER.
July 1, Piccola, German barque, 239,
H. E. Grafe, Cumnock June 22, Salt.—
SIEMSEN & Co.
July 2, Glenfalloch, British steamer, 1386,
A. H. Taylor, London May 20, via ports
of call, and Singapore June 26, General.—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
July 2, Danube, British steamer, 680, A.
Clanchy, Bangkok June 24, Rice.—YUN
FAT HOE.
July 2, Wealthy Pendleton, American
barque, 809, W. H. Blapchard, Keelung
June 20, Coal.—DOUGLAS LAURENCE &
Co.
July 2, Jalo, Russian ship, 1866, Charles
F. Moberg, Cardiff March 4, Coal.—
ORDER.
July 2, Cap Horn, German barque, from
Whampoa.
July 2, Teling Teling, Chinese R. C.,
from Canton.
July 2, Benclutha, British barque, 970,
J. Higgins, Cardiff Dec. 7, Coal.—MEYER
& Co.

DEPARTURES.
July 1, China, for Hoihow.
1, Peking Family, for Foochow.
1, Peking, for Shanghai.
1, Holyrood, for Amoy & Taiwan.
1, San Francisco, for Taiwan.
1, Telling, for Hoihow.
1, Achilla, for Shanghai.
1, Brenner, for Hoihow.
1, City of Tokio, for Yokohama and
San Francisco.
1, Telling, for Amoy and Fortuosa.
1, Pernambuco, for Saigon.
1, Tejo, Portuguese g.-b., for Macao.

CLEARED.
Palestine, for Bangkok.
Cyprus, for Portow.
Olympia, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Glenfalloch, from London, Mr. H.
Johnston.
Per Danube, from Bangkok, Dr. Chock.

PASSENGERS.

Per Macgregor, from Saigon, 200 Chinese.
Per Piccola, from Gaumang, 1 Chinese.
Per Charlotte Andrews, from Quin Hon,
3 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Peking, for Shanghai, Messrs P. S.
Willford, Cunningham, Bond, Eccles,
Thompson, Lewis, and Grieson.
Per Nemoa, for Foochow, Mr. and Mrs.
W. Lay, for Coast Ports, 45 Chinese.
Per Achilla, for Shanghai, Mrs. Bruce,
2 children and European maid servant.
Per City of Tokio, for San Francisco, Mr.
and Mrs. W. Falconer, Mr. and Mrs. W. T.
Gair, 7 Europeans, and 136 Chinese in
Steage.

Per China, for Hoihow, 1 Chinese.
Per Telling, for Hoihow, 20 Chinese.
Per Taiwan, for Amoy, 20 Chinese.
Per Pernambuco, for Saigon, 25 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The American ship Leading Wind re-
ports: Light winds and fine weather
throughout.
The British barque Penrhin reports:
Light winds and fine weather throughout.
On 20th April, spoke the Spirit of the Dawn,
from London bound to Auckland, in Lat.
23.32 S. and Long. 29.53 W. On the 24th
June, spoke the Alceste, from Cardiff
bound to Chetof, 104 days out, in Lat.
11.30 N. and Long. 118.7 E.

The British barque Lord Macaulay re-
ports: Had mostly favourable winds and
weather except in the China Sea, where the
winds have been very baffling and equally
and currents adverse, have been in sight of
Hongkong for five days.

The American barque Morro Castle re-
ports: Had strong S.W. winds in Gulf of
Siam; from Pulo Obi to Lat. 17 N. strong
Southerly winds, and from thence to port
light Easterly winds and fine weather.

The British barque Crested Wave reports:
First part of the voyage fine, on the Equator
calms and light winds, from the Lat. 12
N. to Lat. 18 N. very heavy squalls and
heavy showers, and from Balintang Chan-
nel light variable winds with heavy
showers.

The British steamer Glenfalloch reports:
First part of passage from Singapore light
moonoon, latter part variable winds and
cloudy weather with rain.

The British steamer Danube reports:
Moderate weather with variable winds
throughout.

The American barque Wealthy Pendleton
reports: Very unsettled weather the entire
passage. Experienced a typhoon in
23.30 N. on N.E. side of Formosa.

The Russian ship Jalo reports: On the
20th June, spoke the Benclutha, from
Hamburg bound to Nicolaieff, 108 days
out, in Lat. 1.30 N. Long. 107. E.

CARGO.
Per S. S. Diomed, Hongkong to London,
sailed 28th June, 1877.—173,408 lbs. Can-
ton Congon, 76,116 lbs. Canton Sea. Or.
Pekoe, 139,961 lbs. Canton Sea. Or. 3,450 lbs.
15,991 lbs. Canton Gun. Pow. 8 pags.
Canton Sorts.—Total 408,915 lbs. 8 pags.
Silk Piece Goods, and 3 pags. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close:—
For FOCHOW.—
Per CYPRUS, at 7.30 a.m. To-
morrow, the 8th inst.

For MANILA.—
Per OLYMPIA, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 8th inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per HOWSANG, at 3.30 p.m. To-mor-
row, the 8th inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per GOLDEN HORN, at 3.30 p.m., on
Wednesday, the 4th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRANCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet HOOGLY,
will be despatched from Hongkong
on SATURDAY, the 7th July,
with Mails to and through the
United Kingdom and Europe, via
Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore,
Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Tamsan, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Antecanon.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 6th July.
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.

Saturday, 7th July.
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

(11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)
except those to and through Australia,
may be posted on payment of a
Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,
until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

Hongkong, June 23, 1877. j77

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet CATHAY
will be despatched with the Mails
for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the
14th Inst.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 13th Inst.—
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M. Post Office closes except the Night
Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 14th Inst.—
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

(10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 15 cents extra
postage till
11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only,
addressed to the United Kingdom
via Brindisi or to Singapore, may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till
11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally
closed.

Hongkong, July 9, 1877. j74

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, July 4:—
Noon.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.
4 p.m.—Golden Horn leaves for Singapore.

FRIDAY, July 6:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.
Goods per Alceste undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 7:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

MONDAY, July 9:—
Noon.—Sale of American barkentine
Rosina, on Board.
Goods per Glenfalloch undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, July 13:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

SATURDAY, July 14:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
Noon.—Tenders for Building a Fire En-
gine House will be received by the
Naval Storekeeper.

MONDAY, July 16:—
Transfer Books of the H. K. & C. Gas
Co., Limited, closed from this date to
28th Instant, inclusive.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Olympia leaves for Manila.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUI-
SITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,
AMERICAN, AND FOREIGN PATENT
MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,
Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla
Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and
continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 8.20 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 2, 1877.

The occupation of Sistova by the
Russians seems to us to be a step of
considerable importance. The town in
question is on the Turkish side of the
Danube, and, although not a place of
great strength, yet with Sistova in their
possession, there appears to be nothing
to prevent the Russians from pouring
their troops across the river at the spot,
and making the town a basis for future
operations. From Sistova a road runs to
Timova, and thence right through the
Shipka Pass of the Balkans to Adrian-
ople, a town for which the Russians must
aim by whatever route they cross the
mountains. The distance from Sistova
to Adrianople is about 180 miles, and
this is undoubtedly one of the most
direct routes from the Danube to the
Turkish capital. The description given
of the route is "difficult in places, but
passable throughout for all arms," which
is more than is said for any of the other
routes leading from the Danube to either
Adrianople or Constantinople. The re-
moval of the Russian headquarters to
Simnitsa, a town on the Danube almost
opposite Sistova, also seem to indicate
that the important operations are intend-
ed in this direction. Altogether we are
inclined to think that one division of
the Russian army at least will endeavour
to reach Adrianople via Sistova and the
Shipka Pass. The permanent defences
of Sistova mainly consist, we believe,
of a citadel, and judging from the wording
of the telegram—"that the Turks have
been driven from their entrenchments
and fighting is still proceeding"—we
should not be surprised to learn that the
citadel is still holding out.

We regret having heard nothing lately of
the proposed Steam Laundry Company.
The scheme was such a brilliant one, at
least on paper, and the idea of getting
our linen washed, dried, and mangled, by
steam, instead of meretriciously smashed
pieces on the hill-sides, was so intrinsically
valuable, that it is a great pity the
affair seems likely to end in smoke
rather than in hot water. We had
also a gentleman who was quite ready
to sacrifice himself for the good of the
Colony, or rather its linen, and although
his figures proved to be a little shaky,
there is no reason to doubt that the linen
would be perfect. We are reminded of
this matter by observing that the good
people of Rangoon are in trouble with
their washermen. The Burmese Dho-
bies have, in fact, struck, and the Ran-
goonites have either to put up with
dirty linen, or take a turn them-
selves at the wash-tub and man-
gle. The cause of the outbreak
seems to have been that the municipal
authorities had prohibited the dho-
bies from washing in a tank which they had
been in the habit of using from time
immemorial. As no alternative tank
has been provided the strike seems to
have been one of necessity rather than

liking, and on the whole we are inclined
to enlist under the flag of the dho-
bies rather than that of the authorities.

The Peking Gazette of the 2nd June
contains a long memorial from the Go-
vernor of Shansi with reference to the
suffering entailed by the recent drought
in that province, the proposed measures
of relief, and the apprehensions felt in
regard to the future. Shansi, he repre-
sents, is commonly described as a
wealthy province, but since the rebellion,
commercial prosperity there has declined,
and ruin overtaken the most wealthy.
Not more than 20 or 30 per cent. of the
population gains its living by agricultural
pursuits; and as the soil, moreover, is not
naturally of a productive character, the
yield of cereals is small. Even in years
of good harvests, it is necessary to import
breadstuffs from the neighbouring pro-
vinces to meet the wants of the popula-
tion; and for some years past the
harvests have been by no means
prosperous. The spring and autumn of
last year were seasons of severe drought,
and in the south of the province at the
present moment, when the crop should
be well-grown, the shoots are but an inch
or two high and appear already withered
and dried up. "Throughout the winter
and spring, the local authorities of
all the districts affected have been
collecting subscriptions for the relief of
the distressed, and have called upon the
wealthier inhabitants to distribute sup-
plies of food in their several neigh-
bourhoods. With the protracted drought,
however, the means of both the authori-
ties and the people have become ex-
hausted, and the land has come to re-
sound with the lamentations of the
famine-stricken multitude. Beginning
with the sale of their children, of either
sex, in order to eke out the means of
subsistence, the people have been farther
reduced to dig up roots and to strip trees
of their bark in order to provide them-
selves with another meal. The bark of
the trees having come to an end, and
even the wild herbs ceasing to spring up
in consequence of the drought, recourse
has been had to such expedients as the
manufacture of pellets of earth mingled
with stone ground into powder. The
maintenance of life is barely conceivable
when famine has reached such a stage as
this. Not a day passes, consequently,
without deaths occurring upon the public
highways, and tears can scarcely be re-
pressed in attempting to describe the
miseries that are witnessed and the
sorrow with which the mind is laden."
Under these circumstances, the Governor
adds, he has not shrunk from the respon-
sibility of making issues of grain from
the departmental store-houses, and to
establish relief depots at eligible points,
"taking care that the distribution be
kept out of the hands of the yamen
underlings in order that it may not be
diverted from its proper objects!" In
conclusion the Governor says that in the
present exhausted state of the Imperial
Exchequer he could not venture to solicit
an appropriation of funds from the trea-
sury at Peking, and he proposes to make
use of a balance of about Taels 40,000
remaining in the provincial treasury as
part of the half-year's revenue collection.
The memorial is simply "noted."

positions of the contending armies in Europe
and Asia are marked off according to the
latest Reuter, it is the most "correct card"
in the East of the progress of the operations.

Vessels spoken 24th April in Lat. 20° 32'
S. and 29° 53' E. British ship Spirit of the
Dawn from London for Auckland. 24th
June in Lat. 11° 30' N. and 118° 07' E.
Alceste from Cardiff for Chetof. 104 days
out. 20th June in Lat. 1° 30' N. and 107°
E. Benclutha from Hamburg for Nicolaieff
108 days out.

THREE of the passengers, whose names we
gave as having arrived here by the S. S.
Achilles, were the Chief Officer, Steward,
Cook and a seaman belonging to the
American ship Dunham Massey, wrecked
between Batavia and Singapore. They left
to-day for America by the City of Tokio.

It is worthy of note that within the last 48
hours no less than ten vessels have arrived
from European, American, and Australian
ports. Of them three are the Golden Spar,
Lord Macaulay, Fred P. Litchfield, Gramere
and Jolo from Cardiff, Leading Wind from
Antwerp, Jotun from New York, Penrhin
and Glenfalloch (s.) from London and
Crested Wave from Newcastle (N.S.W.).

AN inquest was held this afternoon at the
Government Civil Hospital, by Mr. James
Russell, Coroner, on the body of a man
named Soo Ayew, a coolie, who committed
suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.
The Jury sworn in was composed of Messrs
E. P. de Campos, O. T. Dencks and John
Kennedy. Dr. Wharry proved the admis-
sion of the deceased into Hospital on the
morning of the 30th ultimo, suffering from
an incised wound on the throat, which cut
through the wind-pipe. The deceased died
the following day from the effects of the
wound. The body appeared to be fairly
nourished, but the deceased did not appear
to be of sound mind. He never gave any
rational answer while in the Hospital.

Another witness named Hong Ahn, a
fellow coolie in the same house, was
called, and he deposed to the aberration
of the mind from which the deceased
was suffering. He was free from it until
quite recently, when he suffered from a
cutaneous disease arising from the poison
of paint, or "paint-eaten," as it was called
by the Chinese. He had it at first on the
face, from which it spread rapidly to the
corners of his lips, thence into the mouth,
and it was thought by the witnesses to be
the lungs. On Saturday morning (8th) he
could not eat but had some congee boiled,
and asked that witness to go out to buy him
some sliced melon and preserved bean curd.
When he returned, he found the deceased
had cut his throat. A razor was discovered
which was covered with blood. The deceased
was 31 years of age. Another witness was
called who proved the deed had been com-
mitted by the deceased himself. The
Coroner then summed up, and observed
to the Jury that it was important that they
should find whether the deceased man
was of sound mind or not at the time
he committed the deed. It would affect a
policy of life insurance, and the forfeit of
his goods and chattels to the Crown, if the
Crown chose to exercise its rights. It was
important that they should define whether
what the deceased had committed was self-
murder or wilful malicious self-murder,
for there was a great difference between a
felony and a self-murder from aberration
of the mind. The Jury returned a verdict
that the deceased committed suicide while
in a state of unsound mind.

There were to have been two other in-
quests held, one on the body of a Chinese
woman who was conveyed to the Chinese
Hospital either dead or dying from some
cause or other; and the other on the body
of a chair-cooler in the employ of the Hon.
J. G. Austin. The deceased coolie dropped
down dead suddenly as he was getting ready
the chair for his master. As the bodies were
just brought into Hospital, and there being
no time for medical examinations, the en-
quiry was deferred till to-morrow.

The following items are from the Straits
Times:—

The public will learn, with regret, of the
sudden and unexpected death, yesterday
(June 22nd) of Dr. Randall, the Principal
Civil Medical Officer of the Straits Settle-
ments. Dr. Randall had been for some time
in a failing state of health, but latterly
seemed to be recovering, and was ex-
pected shortly to be able to resume his duties.
He has been ordered otherwise, and the
community have to mourn the loss of one of
the most important of its Officials, and one
who had held office since the Settlements be-
came a Colony.

The following clever notice of Mr. Gladstone's
appearance after the scene
unpacked in the House of Commons on
7th May, and of the speech that followed
is by "Lalmoe" in the Whitehall Review:

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ghost's, quivering in

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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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INSURANCES.

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By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,

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The above are some of the Agencies;

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THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of Notes & Queries on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

THE CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

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Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes given, or Queries), as are also those queries which, or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and interesting Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The latest on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address China Review, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.)

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of Notes and Queries on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and its neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, has led to nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now so abundantly cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's She King, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connection with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style, and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of the predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine.

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